

*Home Going Celebration  
For  
Johnny Aron Butler*

*Sunrise: February 21, 1952     Sunset: December 6, 2005*



*Service Held: Monday December 12, 2005 11:00 am  
McGlothen Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
1443 Filbert Street  
Richmond, CA 94801*

*Officiating: Administrative Assistant  
Supt. John A. Jennings*

## *" I Played Your Song "*

*Remember that song I played for you  
The words & lyrics were right in tune.*

*Whether on the piano, organ and keyboard too,  
the Lord guided my fingers to make music anew  
with sweet sounds of joy and happiness like a  
mist of morning dew.*

*I played for Your Church and directed the choir, too,  
the Anointing came upon us and later you were  
looking for your shoes.*

*I have a passion for music deep in my heart  
this love I shared with you will never depart.  
Because Jesus "Gifted" me right from the start.*

*And now the time has come a song was played  
for me, I listened and I followed the words of  
melody. Come on home Johnny I saved a seat  
for thee. So I thank you one and all for letting  
me play for you, I'll see you in the Rapture  
God bless you, you and you.*

*Love Johnny B*

*Written by Mrs. Lorraine Moore (sister)*



### Johnny Aron Butler

#### *"May The Works I've Done Speak for Me"*

Johnny Aaron Butler was born February 21, 1952, in Prentiss, MS to the proud parents, John Samuel and Seeray Butler, who preceded him in death.

In 1955, the family moved to Oakland, CA. They united with Ebenezer COGIC under the leadership of the late Pastor Leland Germany.

In 1970, the family moved to Richmond, CA, Johnny did receive most of his education in Berkeley, CA and graduated from Kennedy High School in Richmond CA. The family joined McGlothlen Temple COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop Clarence Davis where Johnny received Christ.

Johnny married Bobbie Johnson and from that union one child was born, Shawni Lynette Butler. In 1977, he was blessed with a son, LeJon Aron Butler.

Johnny loved to dress, cook and, most of all, he loved to eat. Johnny was such a loving and affectionate person.

Johnny's Gospel Music History: Johnny was extremely gifted in music. He taught at local high schools and colleges. On several occasions, he directed the music events held at Macy's Hilltop.

He founded and accompanied a number of singing groups and soloists. Johnny traveled throughout the United States and abroad. He did a USO tour traveling to Italy, Spain and Japan.

Historically, Johnny played for Rev. Al Green, Gene Viale, Derrick Hughes, Tramaine Hawkins, Walter and Edwin Hawkins, Rev. Darryl Coley, The Gospel Clouds, Five Blind Boys from Alabama, The Centurions, The New Generations, The Voices of Joy, The Casteleers, Northwest California State Youth Choir and various churches throughout the Bay Area.

Johnny's health began to fail him in 2000, but that did not stop him. He continued to play for the Lord until He called him home.

#### He Leaves in Loving Memory

Two Children: Shawni Butler of Sacramento, Ca and LeJon Aron Butler of Rich. Ca.

Four Grandchildren: Breyana, D'Aja, Keland and Christian

Four Loving Brothers: James, Samuel, Michael and Arthur Butler

Three Loving Sisters: Ruth Butler, Lorraine Moore, and Beatrice Harris

Three Loving Sisters-In-Law: Sheryl, Debra and Alicia Butler

Two Loving Brothers-In-Law: LaMar Harris and Dewayne Moore

Four Godbrothers: Darryl Coley, Bill Reid, Dwight Williams and Greg Brown

Bay Area Aunts: Sarah McLeod, Ann Walker and Dora Buckfey

Bay Area Uncles: H.L. McLeod, Sr. and Timma Buckfey

And several of other relatives and friends

*Order of Service*  
*December 12, 2005*

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Master of Ceremony</i>	<i>Pastor Samuel Butler</i>
<i>Processional:</i>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Elder Maurice Lyons</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Elder Ronald Huey</i>
<i>Invocation:</i>	<i>Elder Hollie McLeod, Jr.</i>
<i>Musical Selection:</i>	<i>Minister Cedric Slack</i>
<i>Special Expressions:</i>	<i>Pastor Greg Brown</i> <i>Minister Dwight Williams</i> <i>Minister Bill Reid</i>
<i>Musical Selection:</i>	<i>Brother Derrick Hughes</i>
<i>Expressions: Family &amp; Friends</i>	<i>Two Minutes (Please)</i>
<i>Special Tribute (sisters):</i>	<i>Ms. Ruth Butler</i> <i>Mrs. Lorraine Moore</i>
<i>Acknowledgements:</i>	<i>Mrs. Beatrice Harris</i>
<i>Musical Selection:</i>	<i>Rev. Darryl Coley</i>
<i>Expressions: Two Min. (Please)</i>	<i>Pulpit</i>
<i>Obituary Read Silently</i>	
<i>Musical Selection:</i>	<i>Missionary Sheryl Butler</i>
<i>Eulogy:</i>	<i>Supt. John A. Jennings</i>
<i>Recessional:</i>	<i>Fullers Funeral Staff</i>
<i>Interment:</i>	<i>Rolling Hills Cemetery</i>
<i>Repast:</i>	<i>McGlothen Temple</i>



## *I'M FREE*

*Don't grieve for me now – I'm Free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.*

*I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love,  
To work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,*

*HE SET ME FREE!!*

### *Active Pallbearers*

Mr. Jerry McNair  
Pastor Greg Brown  
Minister Bill Reid  
Minister Dwight Williams  
Mr. Cean Harris  
Mr. Timothy Butler, Jr.  
Mr. Eric Butler  
Mr. DeShon Butler

### *Honorary Pall Bearers*

Mr. LeJon Butler  
Mr. James Butler  
Pastor Samuel Butler  
Mr. Michael Butler  
Mr. Arthur Butler  
Mr. Derrick Hughes

### *Special Thanks*

(Our Aunt) Ms. Ann Walker  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sheppard  
Love Fellowship COGIC  
This Is Pentecost Church  
Family COGIC  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
Fuller Funerals, Inc.

*The Butler Family would like to take this opportunity to say  
Thank You and God Bless to you and all of our family &  
friends who have extended a hand of kindness.*